

OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MEETING  
January 27, 1997 4:30 PM

The quarterly meeting of the Oconee County Library Board was held on Monday January 27, 1997 at 4:30 PM in the Oconee Chamber of Commerce Building. The following were present: Ellen Purvis, Peter Wyllie, Wilson White, Elaine Brown, Mary Ann Driver, Ray Billings, William Ross, Julie Walker, Sterling Wilhoit. In the absence of the Library Board Secretary, minutes were taken by Elaine Brown. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: Account Balances are:

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Regional Report: Julie Walker reviewed the job descriptions for Manager for the Oconee County Library and the Bogart Library Branch Manager. Suggested dates for employment would be May 1, 1997. Job applicants will be not restricted to residence of Oconee County.

Building Architect Sterling Wilhoit reported on the Oconee Library and the Bogart Branch Library. Estimated dates for completion are Oconee June 4, Bogart May 12. Work is presently a few days behind on both facilities, but anticipation is that completion dates will hold.

Mary Ann Driver circulated announcements concerning the LIBRARY LEGISLATIVE DAY to be held Tuesday February 18 in the Atlanta Twin Towers and the Depot. Representatives from the Athens Regional System will be attending. Circulation at the Athens and Bogart Libraries has doubled and tripled, picking up the void in the closed library in Watkinsville.

Library Board representatives will be attending the Bogart City Council Meeting to assure them that the budget cuts in the construction project were not actual money cuts, they were necessary adjustments to allow the building to be completed.

Peter, Rosemary and Ellen attended the Regional Library Meeting. The Bogart Library will be a branch of the Oconee Library with all reports circulating through the Oconee Library. The financial situation in regard to the Franklin County Library prompted this announcement.

Personnel job description changes were suggested by Chuck and approved by the Board.

Peter Wyllie has presented a check for \$10,000.00 to the Oconee Library Construction Fund. His only request was that the new addition "classroom" to the Oconee Library be named THE ESP ROOM FOR

CONTINUOUS LEARNING

in honor of his wife Martha who is the full time volunteer director for ESP in Watkinsville.

Peter Wyllie reported on the decision of the 5 members of the Board reviewing the book EXQUISITE CORPSE BY POPPY Z. BRITE. Four of the five members recommended that the book should be permanently removed from all libraries. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Regional Board. Another book LOST SOULS by the same author is of questionable value on the library shelf. A copy of the letter is attached to these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Brown (in the absence of Lila Wyatt)

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JANUARY 27, 1996

TO: KATHRYN AMES  
FROM: PETER WYLLIE  
RE: COMMITTEE REPORT ON *EXQUISITE CORPSE* BY POPPY Z. BRITE

THE COMMITTEE WAS MADE UP OF 5-MEMBERS OF THE OCONEE LIBRARY BOARD. FOUR OF THE FIVE MEMBERS RECOMMENDED BY WRITTEN BALLOT THAT THE BOOK SHOULD BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED FROM ALL LIBRARIES BEFORE IT BRINGS DISCREDIT TO THE SELECTION PROCESS. IN ADDITION THREE OF THE FIVE MEMBERS WERE ABLE TO REACH THIS DECISION WITHOUT HAVING A COMMITTEE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATION.

I HAVE ALSO ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFO A REVIEW OF THE BOOK BY THE JUNE 24, 1996 EDITION OF PUBLISHERS WEEKLY AND A COPY OF AN INTERVIEW WITH POPPY Z. BRITE EXTRACTED FROM ALEX P. JOHNSON'S BOOK *EXTREMITIES: INTERVIEWS WITH WRITERS OF DARK EROTICA* WHICH WERE OBTAINED FOR ME BY RAY BILLINGS.

DURING MY REVIEW I ALSO READ ANOTHER BOOK BY THIS AUTHOR WHICH IS IN THE LIBRARY SYSTEM CALLED *LOST SOULS*. WHILE THIS BOOK IS NOT AS BAD AS THE OTHER IT IS ONLY BECAUSE *EXQUISITE CORPSE* IS SO BAD. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND YOUR STAFF REVIEW *LOST SOULS* AND SERIOUSLY CONSIDER REMOVING IT FROM THE SHELVES AS WELL.

SINCERELY,



cc: SECRETARY OF THE BOARD  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS  
Encl: 5-BALLOTS  
REVIEW & INTERVIEW

## OCONEE COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES

The Oconee County Library Board met July 21, 1997 at 3:00 P.M. at the new Bogart Library. The following Board members were present:

Ellen Purvis	Lila Wyatt
Wilson White	Elaine Brown
Ray Billings	Carolyn Owens
Charles Cunningham	Peter Wyllie

Also present for the meeting were Katherine Ames, Director of the Athens Regional Library System, Deanna Craft representing the Bogart Library and Martha Caterson the new Manager for the Oconee County Libraries.

The dedication service for the new Bogart library was held on Sunday July 20th. A copy of the dedication program is attached to these minutes.

The meeting was called to order by Ellen Purvis, Chairman. Minutes of the April 21st meeting were approved and the also the Treasurers report. An article from the Atlanta Constitution was circulated and discussed concerning "child safe" material.

Mike Montesani will be moving to the area this fall and would like to donate some landscape material to be used on the grounds of the new Watkinsville Library in memory of the Parrish family. The future gift was accepted.

The Georgia Library Association is celebrating 100 years and is presenting Training Workshops for Public Library Trustees. This area Workshop will be August 27 at Danielsville. The Athens Regional System will underwrite the cost.

The wording on the new plaques for the libraries was settled with the following motions: for the BOARD OF EDUCATION, list only current members and the superintendent with her title. For the COMMISSIONERS, list only current members on both the Bogart and Watkinsville plaques. For the CITY COUNCIL, list for Watkinsville the current members and the Mayor; for Bogart CITY COUNCIL list the current members plus a special catagory SPECIAL RECOGNITION The Friends of the Library and B.C. Hogan, Former Mayor.

Plaques for the inside of the Watkinsville Library (5) will be comparable to the Mell Wells sign in the old library.

Budget information was reported and circulation was reported up in Bogart, the Athens Library and the Bookmobile. Landscaping materials for the Watkinsville Library will be put on the *Wish List*. Peter pointed out three items needing attention at the new Bogart Library, The front door, the outside door lights and the water flow at the front of the building.

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A copy of the low bids for the furnishings for the Watkinsville Library was given to the members of the board. A motion was made and approval was given to accept the bids as listed.

Martha Caterson was introduced to the Board. Martha is the new manager for the Oconee Libraries, both Bogart and Watkinsville. Her term of office started on July 1, 1997. Additional personnel for the Watkinsville Library will be hired as the completion date nears.

Tentative opening date for the Watkinsville Library was give as September 20. The dedication date will be set for late October.

Peter Wyllie attended the Regional Board Meeting and reported all budgets were in. Peter was given a vote of thanks for his dedication in overseeing the Bogart Library facilities and its readiness for the opening Sunday July 20th.

A retirement party for Billie Brown who served the county as librarian for 24 years was set for November. The Friends of the Library will be in charge. Elaine will assist Rosemary and Chuck and Lila will formulate the dedication program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15.

**Oconee County Library  
Watkinsville, Georgia**

**Library Board Minutes**

The Oconee County Library Board met on Monday, May 18th at 4:30 p.m. in the ESP Room at the Watkinsville Library.

Board members present included: Joe Alspaugh, Ray Billings, Elaine Brown, Deann Craft, Chuck Cunningham, Carolyn Owens, Ellen Purvis, Rosemary Stancil, Lila Wyatt, and Peter Wyllie.

Katherine Ames, Director of the Athens Regional Library, and Dollie Brooks representing the Regional Library technical section were in attendance. Martha Caterson-Beasley, Oconee County Branch Manager, Janet Murphy, and Delena Cook were in attendance from the Oconee County Library.

Miriam Boots, a former librarian from Florida and a new resident to Oconee County was also in attendance.

The express purpose of the meeting was to act on a motion utilizing the software program Cyber Patrol in conjunction with the general internet connections at the Oconee Library. At the previous meeting, the Oconee County Library Board voted to use the Cyber Patrol software for the children's section following the example of the Athens Regional Board (see recent quarterly Regional Board Minutes).

Dollie Brooks gave a demonstration of internet functions with Cyber Patrol off, and then on. Several sexually graphic sites were visited demonstrating that the internet has some negative aspects in its wide ranging accessibility as well as the much used wealth of academic, research, and entertaining materials.

Peter Wyllie made the following motion:

"In support of the library's mission statement,  
in support of the library's materials selection policy,  
in support of the library's collection development policy,  
I move that the Oconee County Library employ the use of the  
recommended program Cyber Patrol in its entirety  
as a selection tool/filtering software  
on all the library's computers designated for internet use  
with the exception of the Reference Librarian's computer."

Concern was expressed as to whether or not we, as The Library Board, and the professional librarians have the responsibility to administer the operation of the library in full support of the mission statement, selection policy, and collection development policy with the advent of the the new information source: fully accessible internet.

Martha Caterson-Beasley mentioned that this program would not allow a medical journal to be used by patrons. Miriam Boots mentioned problems that occurred in her Florida district by patrons viewing sexually explicit sites.

The following materials were briefly reviewed and more concerns discussed:  
(see accompanying materials in highlight)

1. The Athens Regional Library System Collection Development Policy including responsibility, collections, selection criteria, collection maintenance, internet access policy, guidelines, and user responsibilities, patron responsibilities and conduct, reference policy, and GA Code 160-6-2-.01 Requirements for Public Library.
2. The Watkinsville Branch Policy
3. Partial Listing of Review Sources
4. Speech given by David Burt at the Maryland, Kansas, and Connecticut Library Association Conferences in April of 1998.
5. Article by Robert Finch dealing with Access/Collection.
6. Internet Access Management Options and CyberNot Category Des.
7. Filtering Facts, Questions and Answers, Useful Quotes (Pro and Con), Library Administrators Report.
8. Mark Smith's Article "Librarianship on the Bleeding Edge: Meeting the Pressure to Filter".
9. Mary Minow's Article, "Filters and the Public Library.
10. An article, "Why Peacefire Opposes Blocking Software.
11. An Article, "Purchase of Blocking Software by Public Libraries is Unconstitutional".

After considerable discussion the Board voted 5-4 to adopt the motion as stated. Those voting in favor of the motion were: Peter Wyllie, Elaine Brown, Lila Wyatt, Deanne Craft, and Joe Aspragk. Those voting in opposition to the motion were: Ellen Purvis, Carolyn Owens, Rosemary Stancil, and Chuck Cunningham.

Ray Billings asked Martha Caterson-Beasley to keep track of advantages and disadvantages that the software presents in carrying out the library's mission. Discussion of the software will continue with the next scheduled meeting in Bogart.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lila Wyatt*

Lila Wyatt, Secretary

The next quarterly meeting for the Oconee County Library Board has been scheduled for Monday, January 26th at 4:30 pm. We will meet at the Watkinsville Branch.

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The quarterly meeting of the Oconee County Library Board was held on Monday October 20, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. at the Watkinsville Branch Library. Those present were: Ellen Purvis, Katheryn Ames, Peter Wyllie, Rosemary Stancil, Chuck Cunningham, Carolyn Owens, Elaine Brown, Lila Wyatt, Martha Caterson-Beazley, Wilson White, Ray Billings, Joe Ann Mitchell, and Sterling Wilhoit. The meeting was called to order and the minutes from the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurers Report: No activity, just accumulated interest. The total amount is \$11,984.43. Wilson stated that the CD matures on 12/17/97.

Regional Report: Katheryn went over the budget (see pink attached sheet) stating that after completion of the library there is a balance of \$1,653.38. More equipment is still needed, so Peter made the motion to transfer all of the total funds available from the Treasurers report into the Building fund to be put to use. Elaine seconded the motion. Katheryn then pointed out the circulation figures (see blue sheet). They are extremely good for the Bogart Branch. Mr. Sterling Wilhoit was then asked to give the board a completion date. Everything is just about finished except for a major flooring problem and some electrical wiring. The floor will have to be removed and replaced. New completion date is targeted for November 5. Also there is a problem with the glass block and mortar, the mortar is rough in some spots. After checking into it, one solution would be a silicone type caulking to give it a slick finish.

Oconee Libraries Supervisor: Martha hired three new employees. Katie LaFlamme is the new Children's Assistant. She will be a full time employee. Kathie O'Keefe is the new Branch Clerk. She is a UGA student majoring in speech and language pathology. She will work evenings and weekends. Delena Cook is the computer specialist. She is from Oconee County and is part time and will work about 10 hours a week. She will also cover the circulation desk. Martha still needs to hire two part time page positions, but will do so after the library has opened.

Public Relations: Rosemary stated with the completion date having been moved back we may need to change the dedication date. It had been set for November 16, but may need to be moved to Nov. 23 or Dec. 7. We will have to check with the Commissioners and the other people involved as to the best date for all concerned. The library will open as soon as it is possible, this date just concerns the dedication. Peter brought up a request that some of the newspaper space allotted for the Public Service Announcements mention that Ms. Brandy Jones will be demonstrating the new Accessable Computer in the ESP Room For Continuous Learning during the Oconee Library Dedication. The Friends have been working on the dedication program. Norma Pettigrew, the chairman, involved the Art Teachers at OCES in having a "design a poster" contest. The winning posters will be on display at the library and the others will be displayed in the schools to promote reading. Lola Finn is working on publicity. Katrina Bowers is working on donations and hopes to publish donor names in the newspaper. The boy scouts will pass out the programs and the 4 H will do refreshments. Rosemary hopes the whole ceremony will be brief. Afterwards cookies and punch will be served. Also many different centers and activities will be placed around the library for people to browse through.

Martha is also working on a bookplate for the Friends so parents can donate books in honor of their children's teachers. This will be communicated through a letter sent home from the school to the parents. Ray was asked to give a list of book titles that are on the "Accelerated Reader Program" so the library can aim to fill that list. Martha also reported that the Summer Reading Program was a big success in Bogart.

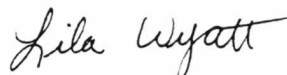
New Business: Discussion followed for new hours at the Bogart Library. The staff requested that in the evenings no one would have to work alone. Martha will contact the Sheriff to ask his opinion for a Brand name of a "panic button". A motion was made by Ray and seconded by JoeAnn recommending the following new hours for the Bogart branch.

Sunday	closed
Monday	10 - 6
Tuesday	12 - 8
Wednesday	10 - 6
Thursday	12 - 8
Friday	10 - 6
Saturday	10 - 6
Total	48 Hours

The motion passed. The hours may be reevaluated at a later date if necessary. Martha brought to our attention that some Library policies on the use of the auditorium, the computers and the ESP Room be updated before we open the library. A committee was set with Ray Billings, Elaine Brown, JoeAnn Mitchell, and Lila Wyatt. They were given authority to change the policies and at the next meeting the changes will be voted on and approved. Wilson White and Chuck Cunningham were asked to be on the nominating committee to propose a new slate of officers. Wilson also mentioned he will be rotating off the Board so a new member will need to be recommended. Martha mentioned that the Bogart branch will be having a bonfire on October 31. This will clear off the lot. The fire department will be present.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Lila Wyatt, Secretary